

Agency: Department of Education and Early Development**Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Southeast Island School District - Port Alexander Teacher Housing Remodel & Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$23,000
One-Time Need**House District:** 2 / A**Brief Project Description:**

Funding to remodel school facility in Port Alexander to provide teacher housing.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project:** \$23,000*There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Southeast Island School District is requesting funding to remodel an attached school building for teacher housing in Port Alexander. The district has experience chronic teacher turnover due to poor housing for teachers in the community. Under the status quo, teachers have sometime lived on boats and in the school office. The remodel will be minimal and include dividing a large space into several bedrooms. Even with a teacher just living in the office, fuel costs were crippling. Just running regular operating hours for the Port Alexander school can cost \$40,000.00 a year. By installing a battery back-up system for after hours, we estimate a savings of at least \$20,000.00 in the additional fuel costs per year of maintaining a teacher on the site.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Lauren Burch, Superintendent, Southeast Island School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Southeast Island School District Resolution 2010-05

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WHEREAS Southeast Island School District does not currently have a teacher housing unit in Port Alexander, which has resulted in previous teachers living on boats and in the school office and has contributed to the high turnover of teachers at that site; and

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WHEREAS the parents and students at Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School have requested that a music program be implemented at their school; and

WHEREAS the poverty rate reported in Coffman Cove is about 70 percent and the purchase or rental of instruments is expensive; and

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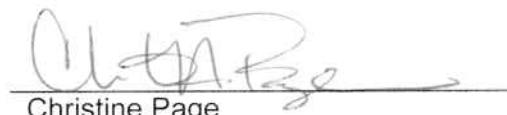
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4. To perform work to improve drainage around the Hollis School (\$18,000).

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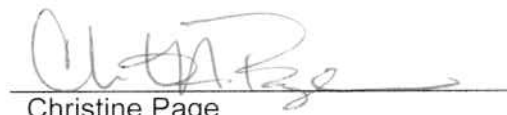
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